

## AYSO Region 45 - Field Painting Instructions

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Field painting will be scheduled and each team will participate a few times during the season. Painting can be done as early as Friday morning (school sites cannot be accessed until 3:45pm) or as late as Saturday morning but must be completed by 7:30am. ***If rain is predicted for the week or weekend, paint the field before it starts raining!***

The paint is water soluble. If you get it on your hands or clothes, it will come off with some scrubbing. Suggestion is to wear old clothes and gloves.

### Storage Lock Box

Lock Code for the brown Knaack Storage lock box is located in the coaches' binder.

Some boxes have a lock on both ends of the box, others have just one. Make sure to open both combinations. To open, select combination code and push the lock pad in to release, then slide the metal handle if one exists to unlock the box.

There are usually 2 paint striper machines at the bottom of the box. Unfortunately, you need to take everything out to get to them. Bring a buddy; it will go twice as fast!

### Assemble & Prep

Once you bring the striper out, extend the paint handle upright and tighten the screw at the base and to secure the handle.

Put a full box of paint on the paint striper tray.

Shake the paint cans. The tips have a wide and narrow side. It takes about a minute to mix the paint during shaking.

Put the paint can face down and slide narrow side into the slot, then, begin spraying with the lever on the handle. Some expert painters can shake the next spray can to be used while painting, this speeds up the process of painting!

### Paint

Paint the lines **twice (2 times)**. It's best to start your first pass of the line away from the sun so it is easier to see. Walk slowly along one direction, with the second pass the opposite way for better coverage. **If using ORANGE paint, paint the lines 3 times.**

It takes 6 (half a box) to 12 (a full box) cans of paint to paint the field depending on size.

Lines: Perimeter of field, center circle, halfway line, penalty areas, goal areas and corner quarter circles along with the technical area (a line one yard from the sideline running the length of the center circle). For 10U, there are also build-out lines between the halfway line and the edge of the penalty area.

Once you are done, **THROW EMPTY PAINT CANS IN THE TRASH** – empty cans are not hazardous waste and can be tossed in the trash but are not recyclable.

Check the inventory and if the storage box is low on paint, email [fields@ayso45.org](mailto:fields@ayso45.org) ASAP. Put everything back and secure the storage box. When you close the box, mix up the code and push in the lock, and slide the metal handle if present over to lock to secure.

**Thank you! You make soccer happen in our community!!**

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